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Kissinger advocates military presence

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (AP) - The United States... Kissinger said Saturday... "It isn't tolerable that the Soviet Union..."



UAE calls for return of islands

MANAMA, Bahrain Jan. 3 (AP) - A United Arab Emirates leader issued Saturday a "get tough" call to the Arabs to help regain three Gulf islands seized by Iran since 1971...

Jordan explains position on M.E.

By Fawzi Asmar and Bob Lebling Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 - In its first formal contact with the incoming U.S. administration, Jordan has spelled out its conditions for joining in the Middle East peace process...

\$5b for poorer states Arab fund discussed

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (AP) - A conference of the finance ministers from five Arab states opened here Saturday to consider apportioning a \$5 billion fund among poorer Arab States...

U.N. confirms butchery

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AP) - The United Nations has confirmed that Israeli forces blew apart the bodies of five Palestinian commandos shortly after they were killed in a shootout in southern Lebanon on Christmas Day...

SIDF loans SRI.3b

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) - Loans disbursed in fiscal 1980 by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund reached SRI.3 billion for 125 projects...

Kissinger, on a "private" tour of Egypt, is expected to meet on Saturday with Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian Defense Minister Ahmad Badawi...

At the same time, Richard Allen, a principal Reagan adviser, described Kissinger's current trip to the Middle East as a completely private one.

Barre condemns Carter inaction

MOGADISHU, Jan. 3 (R) - Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre has said the lack of prompt action by President Carter had created instability in the strategic Horn of Africa...



HIT BY FLOOD: A view of Sangiang village in Majalengka district of West Java, hit by flood and landslide Friday night leaving more than 110 persons dead, a 100 more injured and 50 others missing.

In Saudi Arabia Japan to promote 'rain'

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AFP) - The Japanese famous for fighting their way into difficult export markets, now want to bring rain to Saudi Arabia. A Japanese company is seeking backing from Saudi Arabia for the scheme which would involve the use of a giant tent...

Lebanese army moves into southern suburb

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AFP) - The Lebanese army Saturday began moving back into a southern Beirut suburb which it had abandoned last November after clashes between rival Christian factions...

Yamani opens meetings on resources today

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 (SPA) - Mineral resources ministers from 12 Arab countries came to meet here Sunday to draw up a program for the Arab Organization for Mineral Resources for the new year...

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EC Council chief holds Kuwait talks

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — The President of the European Community's Council, Dutch Foreign Minister Christiaan Klauw, conferred Saturday with ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad and the Crown Prince and Premier and Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

He held official talks with the Kuwaiti Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad. Van der Klauw is on a mission to a European quest for a Middle East.

Klauw told reporters his talks with Sabah focused on the Middle East and "future of my mission as president of the EEC Ministerial Council."

Discussions also covered the present situation in the region particularly the Iraq and bilateral relations," he said.

Van der Klauw said that talks also dealt with "economic circumstances in developing countries and efforts being taken to combat

world inflation."

"The talks underlined the importance of developing a world economic order better than the present one," he added.

The Dutch diplomat praised his country's relations with Kuwait, saying there is cooperation between the two countries on the international level concerning several subjects.

Government sources said Kuwait Saturday renewed its call on the EEC countries to shoulder their responsibility toward the Middle East crisis through supporting the national Palestinian rights including the setting up of an independent state on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Talking to newsmen on arrival Van der Klauw said he was continuing the efforts of his predecessor as council president, Luxembourg's Gaston Thorn, who visited Middle East states last year.

The Dutch minister said he had studied the report submitted by Thorn and had embarked on his own tour of the region "for a fresh reappraisal and to define our stand." He did not elaborate. He said he would be visiting other Middle East states in February and March.

In The Hague, a Netherlands foreign ministry spokesman said, however, that Van der Klauw's visit was not a resumption of an EEC mission to promote peace moves in the region. The minister's talks with government leaders in Kuwait and Qatar would mainly cover bilateral issues although international questions were also likely to be raised, the spokesman said.

The EEC launched a Middle East initiative last June after European leaders expressed the view that the U.S.-inspired Camp David process appeared to have made little progress in reaching an overall Arab-Israeli settlement.

Israelis postpone seizure of Arab firm

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (WP) — Israel's supreme court has temporarily prevented the government from taking over the Palestinian-owned East Jerusalem Electric Co. until it issues a final ruling on the planned seizure.

Without remarking on the merits of the case, which has become the focus of a major controversy in Israel, the three-judge panel issued a temporary injunction against the Israeli Energy Ministry from implementing its plan to take control of the company Thursday. The court did not indicate when it will make a ruling.

Anwar Nusseibeh, chairman of East Jerusalem Electric, the largest Arab-owned business enterprise remaining in the West Bank, interpreted the court's postponement as a good omen.

"I have been trained in the legal tradition, and I have tremendous faith in the essential decency of the system," said Nusseibeh, former Jordanian defense minister.

Many of the company's 400 Palestinian employees gathered in the rain outside the court compound, for the decision also appeared encouraged by the continuation of the proceedings. Some of them had warned that a takeover by Israel could result in sabotage of equipment and business records.

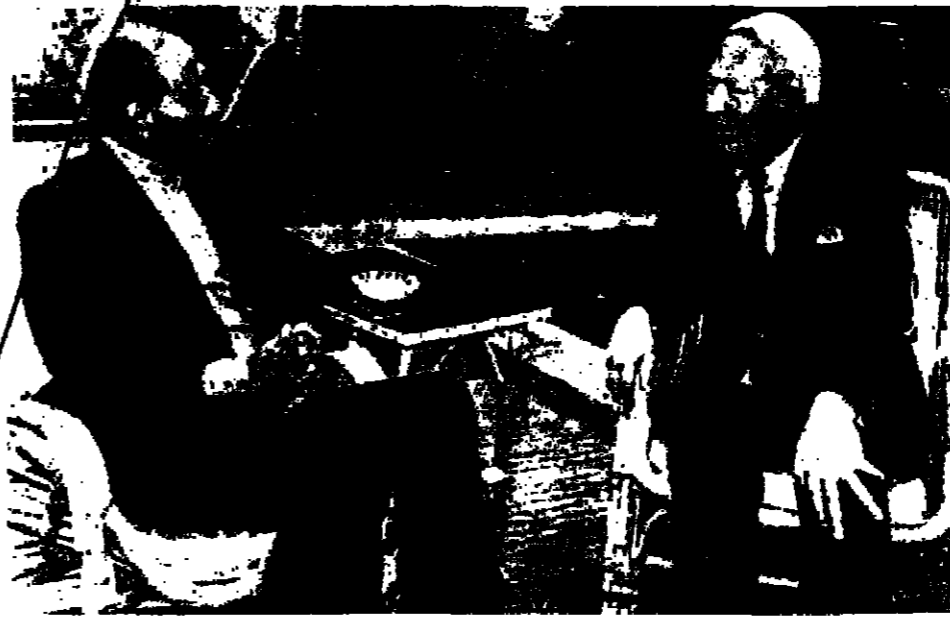
The government attorney, Yoram Barsela, claimed that he planned seizure was not a political decision but was based purely on economic grounds because of the alleged inefficiency of East Jerusalem Electric's diesel generating system.

Attorneys for the firm, which distributes power to about 400,000 Palestinians of East Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as to 15,000 Jews in new neighborhoods in the outskirts of the capital and in West Bank settlement, said the real purpose of the takeover was to eliminate Palestinian economic independence and disrupt financial links between the West Bank and Jordan, which supports the company.

Cairo court begins trial of 50 Communists

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (R) — The trial of about 50 persons arrested 18 months ago during one of Egypt's periodic anti-Communist crackdowns began here Saturday in the State Security Court, opposition politicians reported.

Khaled Mohieddin, leader of the left-wing Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), said five UPP members were among the accused, who



MEETS SADAT: Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath (right) during his meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Tuesday. Heath told Egyptian officials that European Common Market countries plan new contacts aimed at solving problems hindering the U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process.

Egyptian envoys sent to explain M.E. policy

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (R) — Egypt has sent two senior envoys to Latin America and West Africa in a diplomatic campaign to answer Arab attacks on Cairo's peace agreement with Israel.

Boutros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs and a key Egyptian negotiator with Israel, left for Argentina, Peru, Chile and Mexico while Samir Ahmed, foreign ministry under-secretary, began a tour of the west African states.

The nonaligned movement and Organization of African Unity (OAU) movements are

both scheduled to hold foreign ministers' conferences next month. The last nonaligned and OAU summits rejected Arab-backed resolutions to expel Egypt because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Officials said the primary objective of the two tours was to explain Egypt's Middle East policy.

Ahmed is to visit Gambia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Togo, Guinea, Ghana, Niger, Upper Volta, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon and Sierra Leone.

60 Bhutto's supporters arrested

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 3 (AP) — About sixty members of the banned Pakistan People's Party, founded by the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, have been arrested in Karachi by military intelligence agents, informed sources said Saturday.

Police officials confirmed the arrests were made Friday, but declined further comment. Among those detained were seven journalists including Wahab Siddiqi and Wahid Basheer, editor and assistant editor, respectively, of the pro-PPP *Al Fatah* magazine, they said.

Informants said the sweep was connected with plans to hold rallies marking the Jan. 5 birthday of Bhutto, who was deposed by the military in 1977 and hanged two years later following conviction on murder-conspiracy charges. Political activities have been banned by martial law since October 1979.

The sources, in touch with local officials, said the arrests were carried out by the Pakistan army's field intelligence unit, which had the PPP workers detained at various police stations in the port city.

Irshad Rao, the weekly's publisher, also was arrested for alleged subversive activities.

At his news conference, Shafiq claimed Burg gave him no help.

The first question to Shafiq was whether he had been fired to prevent the Abu-Hatzeira probe spilling into the interior ministry's money.

"No comment," said Shafiq.

The police chief also complained that he was constantly under pressure to make life more comfortable for religious figures jailed as part of the Abu-Hatzeira investigation. He claimed that Burg's own spokesman had long ago warned him that the interior ministry was "corrupt."

Israeli clergy scandal exposed

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (AP) — The latest chapter in the bribery scandal engulfing the Israeli clergy was played over the radio in a live broadcast of angry recriminations between the interior minister and the ousted chief of police.

Israelis settling down for the Friday evening were treated to a broadcast news conference with the ex-chief of police over his dismissal at the height of a bribery probe.

Then the radio handed the microphone to the man who fired the top cop, Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Burg says he sacked Inspector-General Erzi Spafir for planting a false story in the press to help his investigation of Religion Minister Agaron Abu-Hatzeira, who is suspected of taking bribes.

Shafir managed, without saying so outright, to insinuate that he had been sacked because his inquiries were taking him too high into the political establishment.

Abu-Hatzeira is alleged to have taken some \$15,000 worth of bribes in return for channeling state funds to religious institutions. Parliamentary committee is to decide whether to strip Abu-Hatzeira of immunity so that he can be prosecuted.

The 51-year-old Shafir, a tough-talking military man became chief of police a year ago.

And to the delight of a public that had long demanded a probe into the funding of the powerful clergy, Shafir set in motion the Abu-Hatzeira investigation. Israelis were interested enough to overlook his unorthodox methods — phoney inquiries, police-sanctioned burglaries in search of evidence, the employment of an old army comrade for a top police job even though the man was known to have friends in the underworld.

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The charge that Burg fired Shafir to protect Abu-Hatzeira since both belong to the same political faction has been leveled by the daily *Haaretz*.

Israeli inflation record 135%

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (R) — Israel's inflation for 1980 reached a record 135 percent, according to an estimate issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The inflation rate, the shekel, fell by 114 percent over the year.

The annual figure for Israeli inflation will be released on Jan. 15 when the price index is released.

International Monetary Fund said week that Israel's inflation rate was the world's highest, ahead of Turkey and Argentina.

Libya-Syria merger talks

LIBYA, Jan. 3 (AP) — Differences between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi have led to the suspension of talks to finalize a merger between the two states, a Libyan newspaper reported Saturday.

The independent daily *Al-Wakeel* quoted several Arab sources as saying the differences arose during Assad's visit to Libya in December when Qaddafi proposed that Assad dissolve the Baath Party, the ruling party in Syria because Libya does not believe in it.

Libya and Syria announced they

would merge their two countries on Sept. 10. Assad flew to Libya in December to discuss the final points of the union.

"Syria will not dissolve the Arab Socialist Party and will not repeat the mistake it committed in 1958 when union was established between Syria and Egypt," the sources quoted Assad as saying. Syria dissolved all political parties during the merger with Egypt.

Official Syrian sources denied the talks had been suspended but observers in Damascus have said differences existed over issues such as political parties.

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Kampuchean deadlock

'Third force' chief returns from China

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Kampuchea's "third force" guerrilla leader, former premier Son Sann, has returned to Kampuchea after a visit to China, the Bangkok Post reported Saturday.

The paper quoted a Thai military source as saying Son Sann had gone back Friday through Thailand. The report could not be independently confirmed.

U.S. must resist Soviet hegemonism, says China

PEKING, Jan. 3 (AFP) — The United States must step up its resistance to Soviet "hegemonism" in 1981, an official Chinese commentator has said.

promote the Khmer Rouge against the 12-year-old Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

But unconfirmed reports from Peking last week said Son Sann had arrived around Dec. 25 for what was believed to be his second visit to China in 1980.

As a result, efforts to build a united front have focused increasingly on Son Sann in the past months of military and diplomatic deadlock.

Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, indicated that despite the danger of war, the peoples of the world "are confident of their ability to safeguard peace."

Zheng Senyu forecast that this year, "despite their differences over the appraisal of the Soviet threat and ways and means of dealing with it, the United States, western Europe and Japan will in general strive for better coordination and unity."

Reagan to hold talks with Portillo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AFP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan's meeting Monday with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo is expected here to have far greater implications than the "symbolic gesture" of the new Republican administration says the visit reports.

after the presidential election, has been meticulously prepared. Several aides have been to Mexico to work out the details for the meeting.

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CENSUS COUNT: An American looks up at the population counter for the U.S. in the lobby of the Commerce Department in Washington. The figure reads 224,911,042. The Census Bureau submitted the figure to President Carter Wednesday.

Peking flays Dutch deal with Taipei

PEKING, Jan. 3 (AFP) — China Saturday expressed "indignation" over a decision by the Netherlands to sell two submarines to Taipei.

he favored reinforced U.S. relations with Taiwan. China has already warned Washington indirectly several times that such reinforcement would encounter "China's firm opposition."

Thailand gets U.S. aid

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (AFP) — The United States has given Thailand the first part of a \$2 million grant to help combat pirate attacks on Vietnamese boat people in the Gulf of Thailand.



LUTEFISK BUSINESS: A fisherman displays 98 per cent dry cod which comes packed in bundles from Norway. Using tanks of water and lye he processes the fish for 21 to 28 days into the finished product lutfisk which he's holding in his left hand.

Bonn to build ice station

PUNTA ARENAS, Southern Chile, Jan. 3 (AFP) — West Germany will start construction of its first Antarctic research station this month on ice 1,400 km. from the South Pole.

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Times invites more bids from potential buyers

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — The Times of London has said it remains open to further bids from potential buyers, despite the passing of a new year's eve deadline.

Although the newspaper's management declined to comment on the status of bids, a news report in the paper itself said Friday, "It is understood if other serious potential purchasers appear they will not be turned away despite the passing of the deadline."

There were suggestions along Fleet Street, London's publishing row, of other bidders. But only one newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, published a report to that effect, claiming The Times had received 10 firm offers.

100,000 allegedly detained without any trial in India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3 (AP) — More than 100,000 prisoners are being illegally detained in India without having stood trial, the Indian Express newspaper has claimed.

graph's report that "two Arab interests who made bids were ignored." Spokesman at The Times itself and at the merchant banker handling the sale, S.G. Warburg, also declined to say how many bids had been received.

A Warburg spokesman said that as far as he was concerned, the deadline of midnight Dec. 31 had been final. But he declined to discuss the paragraph in the newspaper suggesting that further offers would be considered.

On Oct. 22, Thomson, who had been struggling with heavy financial losses and union troubles for years, announced that The Times, The Sunday Times and three literary and educational supplements would be closed in mid-March if a buyer is not found.

On Thursday two groups formed by Times journalists announced a joint proposal to buy The Times with the financial backing of several businessmen.

An official government spokesman said he could not confirm the figures but said that the government was checking the report. The Express said that many "undertrials" remain in jail for six months to one year, and some prisoners are detained even after completing their sentences.

after court to be tried under one charge or the other and detained in jail as long as possible," the report said.

The Express added that most of the detainees were kept on to work as cooks, sweepers and washermen for jail officials and other prisoners. Under Indian law, a person charged with a criminal offense cannot be detained in police custody for more than 24 hours without being produced before a magistrate.

Meanwhile, Indian opposition leaders Friday condemned a reported attack by policemen on a rally of more than 100 blind people near Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's official residence. The blind demonstrators reportedly were beaten up with truncheons and then briefly detained in a local police station Thursday.

Royal party fire hits U.K. newswoman's car

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — A royal shooting party was reported Saturday to have hit a newswoman's car with a shotgun blast, while Buckingham Palace was telling the press to leave Queen Elizabeth II alone on her customary new year vacation.

Shan Lancaster, a reporter on the Tabloid Sun, said her car was "peppered" with pellets as she trailed members of the royal family Friday on their 20,000-acre estate at Sandringham in Norfolk. She said no one was hurt in the incident.

Miss Lancaster did not identify who fired the shot in her direction. She said the royal party also included Prince Charles and that after Philip shouted his warning to her, an unidentified royal aide added: "you have been told now, haven't you?"

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Winning five out of 10 events

American swimmers dominate

GAINESVILLE, Florida, Jan. 3 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins, Mary Meagher, Craig Beardsley and Rick Carey led the way with world-best times as United States swimmers won five of 10 individual events Friday night in the 1981 U.S. International Swim Meet.

their first trip to the United States since last year's Moscow Olympic boycott. American swimmers also won both the men's and women's 400-meter freestyle relays.

1:08.84 set in Friday's preliminaries, with Geweniger far behind in the finals in 1:09.79. But Caulkins' superiority in the starts and turns didn't help her in the 200 butterfly as Meagher swam the world best standard by 3/10 seconds in 2:05.65.

Carey broke his own world best of 1:59.67 in the men's 200 backstroke by just .18 second, with Vladimir Shemetov of the Soviet Union second, and 100 backstroke Olympic winner Bengt Baron of Sweden third in 2:02.13.

Steve Scott sparkles

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 (AP) — American record holder Steve Scott gave San Francisco its first-ever sub-four minute mile, as he outran an international field for 3:59.6 victory Friday night in the Runner's World Indoor Classic at the Cow Palace.

Grete Waitz breezed to a slow victory in the women's 3,000 and Leo Williams of the Navy edged Arizona's James Frazier in the high jump. Williams won on fewer misses at 7-3.

Waitz, who ran a world's best time of 8:50.8 in the 3,000 last year at the Cow Palace, ran a slow race after taking a huge lead on the first lap. She led by 40 meters at the halfway point and cruised home with a time of 9:05.6.

76ers triumph

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — After losing three games in a row, the Philadelphia 76ers decided they needed something to change the pattern. So they held a birthday party for forward Steve Mix — and celebrated by breaking the losing streak.

Dixon, running his first indoor race in a year, clocked 8:01.4 as he outkicked Kenya's Wilson Waigwa, who finished in 8:02.8. The early pace was set by Mike Slack, who held on to finish third after being passed by Dixon and Waigwa.

For Dixon, the victory at the San Francisco Cow Palace was his second in as many races since flying to the United States earlier this week. On New Year's eve, he won a 5-mile (8 km) midnight run in New York City.

The party, followed by two days of hard practice, did the trick as Philadelphia sniped out of its slump with a 120-117 overtime victory over the SuperSonics in Seattle Friday night.

Despite having to fly from New Zealand to New York and back to San Francisco, he appeared strong and said that "as the laps churned away, I felt better and better."

Emmit King of Alabama edged Ray Threat of the University of Arizona to win the men's 50-meter dash in 5.74.

Record knock by Chappell

SYDNEY, Jan. 3 (AFP) — Australian captain Greg Chappell overcame a record which kept him up in the night to hit a crucial 204 against India in their first Test at the Sydney Cricket ground Saturday.

341 to 9 for 376.

Score-board

INDIA (1st innings): 201

AUSTRALIA (1st innings): G. Wood c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 9; J. Dyson c Gavaskar b Kapil Dev 0; G. Chappell c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 24; A. Border c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 31; D. Walters c Viswanath b Ghavri 67; R. Marsh c Binny b Ghavri 12; D. Lillee c Doshi b Ghavri 5; R. Hogg not out 13; L. Pascoe c Doshi b Ghavri 7; J. Higgs not out 15. Total (for 9 wks): 388

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BOWLING: Kapil Dev 33-6-94-4; Ghavri 27-6-102-5; Binny 13-1-64-0; Doshi 27-0-103-0; Chauhan 1-0-10-0.

Prodigal Pakistan held

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

LAHORE, Jan. 3 — Visiting Kenyan national hockey team shocked Pakistan when they held the World Champions to 1-1 draw in the only hockey 'Test' of their eight-match tour here Friday.

Pakistan achieved the lead in 10th minute of second half when spearhead Mushtaq scored following a back pass from left-out Samiullah. The African champions fought back and scored the equalizer just three minutes before the final whistle through inside left Harvinder Singh, who converted a penalty-corner.

The visitors playing a defensive game pulled back their wingers to check inroads by Pakistan forwards. Kenyan custodian, George Moses, proved a perfect shield for his side. He saved four sure attempts in just ten minutes in the second half.

Pakistanis dominated the proceedings, but lacked good finish. Kenyan skipper left-half Surjit Singh, along with full backs Julius Akumu and Lucas Alubha checked the short passes.

For the homeside star left-winger Samiullah shone, piercing the Kenyan circle many times, but his solo efforts never materialized. His younger right-winger Kalimullah, however, proved much below his normal as he failed to pick up passes.

Pakistan earned four penalty-corners in the first half while the visitors were contented with just one corner. But in second half they got five penalty-corners, converting the last.

Pakistani forwards failed to combine, reflecting sheer lack of understanding. Center-forward Mushtaq, the only scorer, was unable to convert easy passes by winger Samiullah. In the 24th minute he pushed wide after all the defenders were beaten by Sami.

Teacher moves ahead

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP) — American Brian Teacher won his way Saturday night into the Australian Open final by winning a six-hour, rain-extended marathon match against Australian Peter McNamara.

Teacher won 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina trailed Australian Kim Warwick in the second semi-final match Saturday night. It was halted because of darkness with Warwick leading two sets to one by overcoming Vilas' 7-6 victory with 5-4 and 6-2 triumphs.

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FUSSLE: Victorino of Uruguay and Holland's Martina Jol try to get possession of the ball, in the opening match of the Gulf Cup Soccer tournament.

Hilal maintains the lead

With last-minute goal

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Hilal battled Qadisiya to win 1-0 in the last minute of the match in Riyadh Friday. Meanwhile, Ahli defeated Shabab 2-1 in Jeddah after a mild game, with that the four major teams settled in the four top positions of the National Football League.

Thursday, Nasr barely survived a draw with Itifaq in Dammam. Nasr was losing 2-1 until the last 15 minutes of the match. Majed Abdullah scored two goals in the 32nd and 45th minutes giving his team the upper hand. Itifaq played against Riyadh in Riyadh and won 3-1, but it appeared in a shaky form after the repeated losses in the past weeks.

The hopeful Nadha was also stopped by Jabalein in Hail. They drew 0-0 after an equally dominated game. Nadha's forwards were in their best form, but Jabalein's defense too played well. Nadha's goalkeeper, Khalidein, one of the best in Saudi Arabia, snarled blocked several shots by Jabalein's forwards.

Hilal survived Qadisiya's challenge at the most critical time in the team's history. Hilal's Brazilian player, Roberto Rivellino, has been suspended for two months: Najib Imam, Hilal's Tunisian striker, is reported to be suffering from an injury, and has been hospitalized; Fahudi and Samir Sultan are also injured; Fahd Al-Habashi and Sultan Al-Muhana have been banned from playing for

six months and one month respectively by the Saudi Arabian Football Federation.

Hilal had to play with a totally new attack, except for Brazilian Diel. Khaled Al-Ghanim, Fahd Abdul Wahid and Abdul Rahman Al-Oshani were among the new faces introduced Friday. Qadisiya lost three opportunities to score in the game. All three times, the ball hit the pole and bounced back. Hilal's win scored them two precious points and kept the team in the lead. In the last minute of the second half, Qadisiya's goalie, Ibrahim Al-Yusuf, bounced the ball to kick and by Musaibeh into the net.

On the other side, Ahli came back strongly after last week's heavy defeat to Nasr. The first ended with two goals for Ahli scored by Amin Dabu in the 26th minute and Zenon few minutes later. Shaban scored into only goal through Brazilian Francesco in the 35th minute, but Ahli missed many good opportunities.

Standings:

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, D, T, L, GF, GA, Pts. Rows include Hilal, Nasr, Itifaq, Ahli, Qadisiya, Nadha, Itifaq, Shabab, Jabalein, Riyadh.

The tireless speed of Paz caused the Dutch many a headache on Tuesday but Venancio Ramos, who scored one of the goals, and fullback Jose Moreira, who made repeated sallies down the wing, were equally effective.

When the teams met last year, Italy won 1-0, but that was in Milan.

Another Brazil player injured

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Brazil's build-up for the Gold Cup Soccer Tournament took another setback Friday when lanky forward Serginho pulled out of a training session with a back injury.

Serginho left the field after 30 minutes of a practice match at Los Aromos 23 kilometers outside Montevideo, and team officials said he had pulled muscles near the base of his spine.

Brazil which plays World Cup holder Argentina in its first match Sunday, has already lost key forward Zico and Reinaldo through injury.

Argentina won its opening match 2-1 against European champion West Germany and will qualify for the final if it defeats Brazil.

Brazilian coach Tele Santana, who admitted that injuries were "a problem" put his squad through a long training session Friday morning, including a 60-minute match.

Meanwhile Italy make their debut Saturday against Uruguay, who beat Dutch opposition 2-0 in the opening match last Tuesday. Uruguay have plunged from the heights of 1950 when they won the World Cup but recent international results have been impressive.

They deserved their win over the Dutch and with the advantage of the crowd, familiarity with the Centenario Stadium and over two months of careful preparation, they are no easy opponents.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot does not underestimate the task. "I've always believed that tactically Uruguayan football was the best in South America — what happens is that many times they have lacked good forwards and their good tactical work was squandered," he told a press conference.

Bearzot is not worried about the effects of the heat on players who have exchanged midwinter Italy for the Uruguayan summer, with noon temperatures of 30 centigrades and more. "In Italy in summer it's hotter than here," he said.

The Group 'A' match follows the first match in the other half of the competition, Group 'E' in which Argentina won a dramatic victory over West Germany last night.

The result made Argentina, 1978 World champions, favorites for the Cup, which is being contested by five past World Cup winners and the Netherlands, deputising for the sixth, England, the Group winners meet in the final on January 10.

The Italians will need to watch 20-year-old Ruben Paz, a dashing midfielder, who some observers compose with the young Argentina genius, Diego Maradona.

The tireless speed of Paz caused the Dutch many a headache on Tuesday but Venancio Ramos, who scored one of the goals, and fullback Jose Moreira, who made repeated sallies down the wing, were equally effective.

When the teams met last year, Italy won 1-0, but that was in Milan.

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The Organization of the Islamic Conference (Part 1)

Economic activities: objectives and beginnings

By a Special Correspondent

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) was set up as a political international organization following anguish and shock in the Muslim world over the burning of one of Islam's holiest shrines, the Masjid al Aqsa in Holy Jerusalem. The decision to establish the OIC was taken by the first summit of Muslim heads of state who assembled in Rabat, Morocco, in 1969 to demonstrate their determination to strengthen the ties of fraternity and solidarity. The OIC was envisaged as a platform to cement these ties and to work for the political, economic, social and cultural progress of Islamic states.

The initial years of the OIC as an international organization were devoted primarily to safeguarding the holy places under Israeli occupation and the recovery of Palestine. These objectives remain the focus of its present-day activities. However, members realized that political cooperation could not develop in a vacuum and priority would also have to be given to the promotion of Islamic solidarity in all vital fields of activity including economic cooperation through regular contacts and consultation among OIC member states.

Thus the charter of the OIC, which was adopted at the third foreign ministers conference in Jeddah in 1972 defined three important objectives of the organization — to promote Islamic solidarity; consolidate cooperation in the political, economic, social, cultural and other fields; and to create a suitable atmosphere for promoting cooperation and understanding among member states and other countries.

While the importance of economic cooperation was realized early, economic questions were not tackled seriously until the second Islamic summit held in the historical city of Lahore, Pakistan. The Lahore summit for the first time defined the economic objectives and goals of the OIC and the Lahore declaration listed the aims of the OIC in the economic field of activity.

These included the eradication of poverty, disease and ignorance from Islamic countries, ending exploitation of the developing countries, regulating the terms of trade among developing and developed countries in the field of supply of raw materials and import of manufactured goods and know-how, ensuring the sovereignty and full control of the developing countries for their natural resources, mitigating current economic difficulties of the developing countries due to increase in prices and the mutual economic cooperation and solidarity among Muslim countries.

Many of the above ideas, which were being voiced, albeit mutedly, by the Third World in general during the early seventies, soon became the rallying cry of the developing countries in their negotiations with the developed ones and at international forums for the establishment of a new international economic order. The Lahore summit is described as a historic one since it gave direction to the economic activity of the Islamic states and helped step up the efforts of the developing world in general to protect their economic interests, which had for centuries been monopolized by outsiders.

In reviewing the economic activities of the OIC, it must be remembered that almost all member states of the Organization are developing countries, and as such endure the common problems of Third World countries. These can be listed as low per capita income,

over population, inflation, shortage of resources or lack of capacity to exploit available ones, and a shaky economic infrastructure. These problems have become compounded due to the recent global economic recession. Nevertheless, OIC member states have shown firm resolve and determination to overcome these impediments and shown remarkable progress in economic cooperation in the short history of the OIC.

For proper planning and coordination of their economic activities and to attain the goals set for by the OIC in the economic field, a requisite organizational set-up had to be evolved. The beginnings were made at the second summit when a committee of representatives and experts from eight countries was created to develop recommendations for a framework of economic and cultural cooperation. The Committee was later replaced by the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs originally composed of 18 member states, but subsequently expanded to include all OIC members. The commission held its first session in Karachi in 1977 and since then meets regularly twice a year. It exercises the role of supervision, coordination and review of the fields assigned to it, follows up implementation of projects agreed upon and submits fresh proposals to the annual foreign ministers conferences.

A major step taken by the OIC to forge economic links was the conclusion of the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had taken the lead in mooted this idea and prepared a draft in 1975 which two years later was adopted in the form of a general agreement. This accord covers a wide field of economic activity and reflects the aspirations of the Islamic countries to exert all their efforts, in the context of their economic and technical cooperation, to reach their goals collectively or through bilateral and multilateral activities. The general agreement provides for transfer of capital and investment, establishment of joint ventures, maximum potential for utilization of food production and development of expertise and technology through research, study and training. It also seeks to liberalize trade and coordinate trade policies, removal of customs and tariffs restrictions and holding of trade fairs and exhibitions to develop commercial ties among OIC members. In short, the general agreement is the basis for developing and furthering all forms of cooperation in the economic, commercial and technical fields.

In order to give practical shape to the various forms of economic cooperation envisaged by the OIC, a number of specialized groups dealing with various sectors were set up to make in-depth studies and come up with practical and concrete proposals. These include the expert groups on trade, planning and development, communications including shipping and civil aviation, investment and reinvestment, food security and joint ventures. Many of the recommendations of these experts already have been shaped into feasible proposals and some of them are expected to be submitted to the third Islamic summit for adoption.

Thus, it is evident that within a relatively short span, the Organization of Islamic Conference has succeeded in evolving a fairly organized framework to give practical shape to economic cooperation ventures. In recent years several specialized agencies have been set up for information gathering, data collection and preparing specialized studies.



PLENARY HALL: where delegates will discuss issues concerning the Arab world

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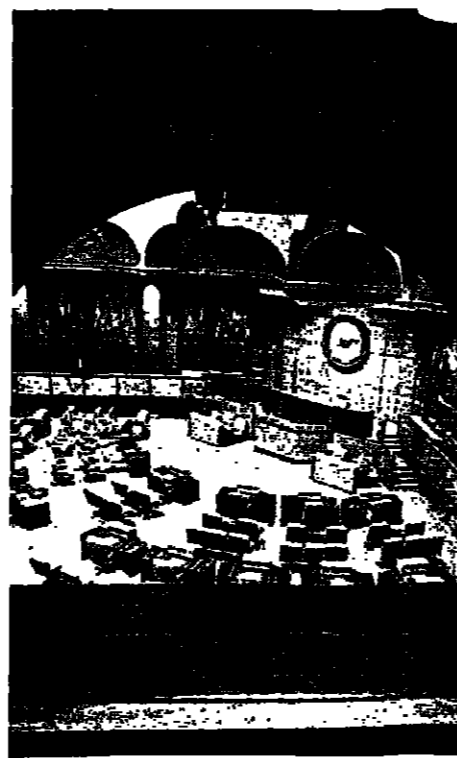
TESTING THE EQUIPMENT: A Saudi engineer is seen here testing the highly advanced equipment supplied by the French firms Sonetech and Telephones Automatiques under the aegis of Saudi-Oger to cover the Third Islamic Summit. Overlooking the plenary hall is a complete television studio, apart from the transmission and recording control room mainly for interpretation purposes.



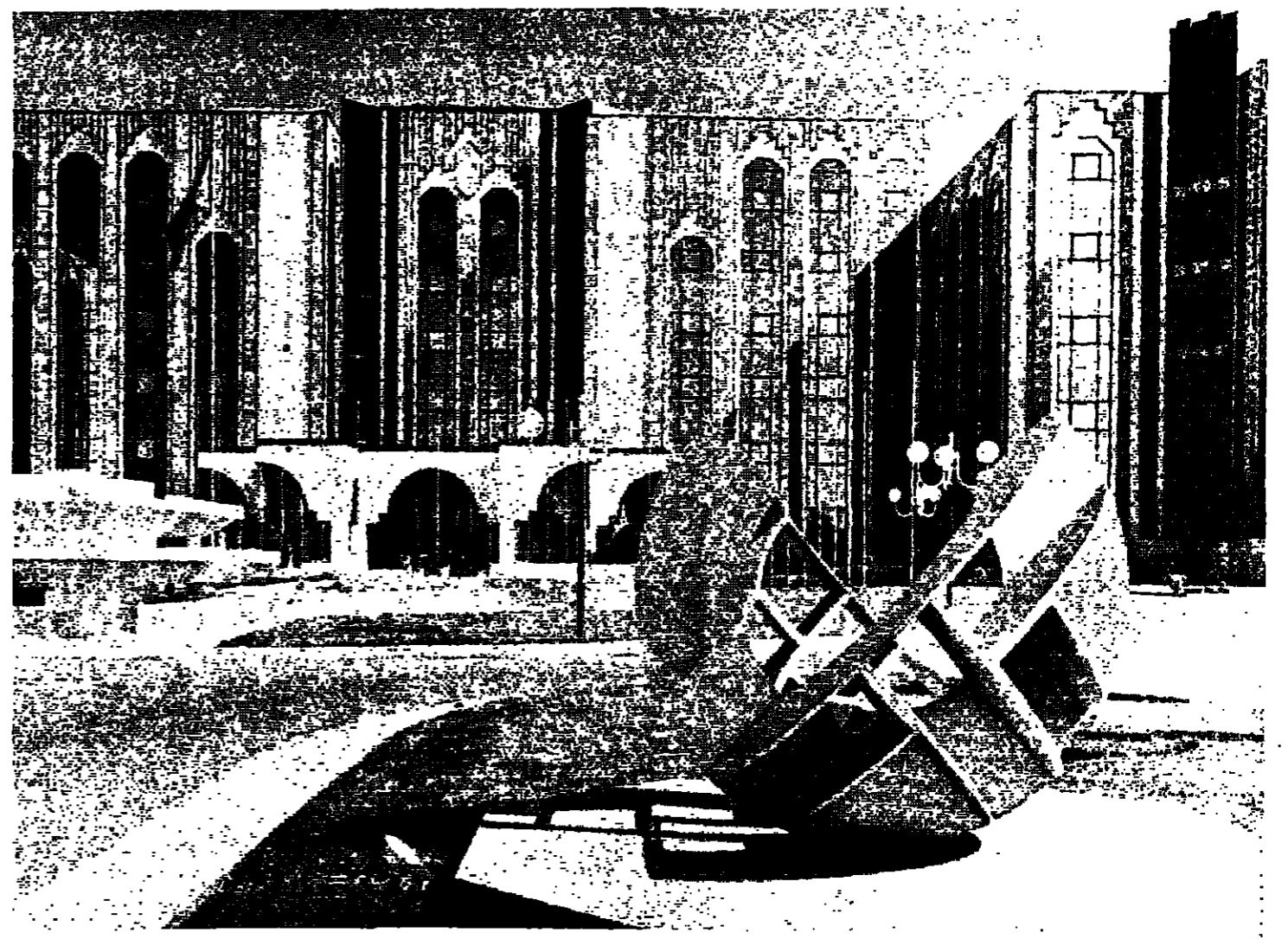
DELIBERATING ROOMS One of six committee rooms at the main building of the Third Islamic Summit in Taif. There are seats for 41 chief delegates at each committee room and two delegation members behind each of them.



ENSURING COMFORT: Delegates to the Third Islamic Summit in Taif will be viewing their colleagues taking the floor on these television closed-circuit screens to avoid turning left and right. The two buttons under the sharp microphone are used to take the floor or turn off the transmission. The two other knobs on the left of the leather armchairs are for selecting the language channel most convenient to the delegate.



FOLLOWING THE DEBATES: View from one of the two observers' rooms at the first floor of the plenary session hall of the Third Islamic Summit in Taif. There are two such rooms at the hall's level and two others on the first floor, along with a TV studio and interpreters' booths. Each observers room can accommodate 50 persons provided with advanced equipment to listen to the interpretation in Arabic, English and French, the three working languages.



SUMMIT PREPARATIONS: The building that will house the Third Islamic Summit near the Guest Palace in Taif was built in nine months by Saudi-Oger with French expertise. It comprises a conference hall at the royal floor, six committee rooms and a plenary hall that can accommodate 47 delegations of six persons each and 200 observers.

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Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Enjoy a movie or a concert with a loved one. Good news from a distance. A close ally now understands your viewpoint. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friendly disposition aids you in monetary dealings with others. A partner surprises you in a nice way. Enjoy romance. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should be pleased with your love life. Stars favor close ties, so if you are not happy, take the initiative. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker may invite you over. New inspiration aids you in creative work projects. Children are helpful. Health improves. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Plan to go out and do something special. Feelings deepen in a romantic situation. Hobbies are fun. Enjoy togetherness. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Add a decorative touch to the home. Shopping trips are favored. Having others visit should be most pleasant. Enjoy home life. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Good news makes you happy. Your warmth attracts new admirers. Creativity receives new inspiration. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The purchase of art objects is favored. You may receive a special gift from a loved one. Look into auctions and rummage sales. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You'll feel appreciated by others now. A warm and friendly disposition attracts admirers. Concentrate on your appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take time to enjoy private and special moments with a loved one. The possibility of an unexpected visit is strong. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Social life leads to new romantic introductions. Accept invitations for parties. You're also able to further your career. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You'll enjoy the favor of higher-ups. Business and pleasure mix favorably. A good time to mix with others socially. Enjoy yourself.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Hepburn vulnerable spot, 5 Mariner, 11 Athena's title, 12 Smitten, 13 Sobriquet for Ed Wynn, 15 Scottish explorer, 16 Mamie's mate, 17 Prefix for temper, 18 Confidante, 20 Ritual phrase, 21 Cozy room, 22 Needle-sharp, 23 Biblical eagle, 25 Poet, 26 the Venerable, 27 Holm, 28 Suffix in chemistry, 29 Famous race horse, 33 As written (mus.), 34 Annoy, 35 Japanese river, 36 Nursery rhyme character, 39 Astolat maid, 40 Silent film director, 41 Sawback. DOWN: 2 Athlete's vulnerable spot, 4 Blue, 6 New York city, 7 Grotto site, 8 New York city, 9 Grain goddess, 4 Lumpkin, 5 Nauseate, 6 Take up, 7 membership, 7 Man's nickname, 8 More gum, 9 Dodged, 10 British naval hero, 14 Duck, 19 Thought (Fr.), 27 Vocation, 28 Poph's creator, 29 God's second mistake: Nietzsche, 25 'On the Wabash', 37 Fasten, 38 Sort.



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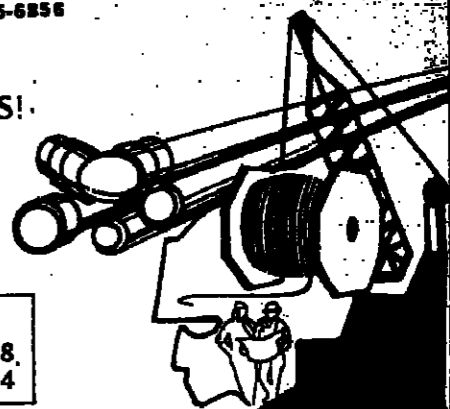
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Iran warns Reagan
**Settlement under
Carter improbable**

TEHRAN, Jan. 3 (AP) — Tehran Radio said Saturday it seemed "totally improbable" the hostages will be freed under U.S. President Carter, again threatening spy trials and warned the "Zionist clique of Reagan" unless the President-elect comes up with a solution



Muhammad Ali Rajai

**Traders tell
Rajai to go**

TEHRAN, Jan. 3 (AFP) — Traders in the Tehran bazaar Saturday charged the government of Muhammad Ali Rajai with "incompetence" and called on the premier to resign.

The call to quit came in a communique published in the newspaper of the National Front, the secular party led by Karim Sanjabi. "We will fight the government with all our force to bring it down," Abolhasan Lebaschi, leader of the association of traders, businessmen and artisans of Tehran, told agency France-Press.

"We played a vital role in the revolution against the Shah. We financed the revolution and published most of the leaflets. We have kept this vital role in the current situation," said the spokesman for the bazaar, the principle commercial force in Iran.

"Someone like Rajai, through lack of political and economic experience, and with a weak cabinet, could never resolve Iran's problems," Lebaschi said. "We know he cannot save Iran."

The prime minister was "unable to prevent inflation which is rising while the national economy is stagnating," the businessmen's leader added.

"Printing banknotes can feed inflation, while production is falling," he added. As an example, Lebaschi cited the case of the Peykan car, the knocked-down British car built under licence in Iran. The price had risen from 400,000 rials to 700,000 rials, while the builder, Iran National, was no longer viable.

"We are heading towards a more and more catastrophic situation," he said. "The bazaar has a duty to lead the national movement, as it did under (former Prime Minister Muhammad Mossadegh). The movement, an Iranian nationalist group, was part of the National Front which was founded in 1949.

Iraq accused of torture

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AP) — Iran charged anew on Saturday that Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Jarwad Baqir Tongdugyan was physically tortured in Iraqi captivity to an extent that his spleen had to be removed.

The new accusation was made by the secretary of Iran's acting oil minister, who was not identified by name. His statement in Tehran was reported by the official Pars news agency. "Most probably his spleen has suffered as a result of torture and mistreatment, and had to be removed," the secretary was quoted as saying.

He was answering a question about an Iraqi newspaper report that the 32-year-old Tongdugyan underwent surgery shortly after he was captured by Iraqi troops near the embattled Iranian oil refining city of Abadan on Oct. 31.

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NEW OFFER: Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, left, shakes hands with Algeria's ambassador to Iran Abdelharim Gherib at Algerian intermediaries left the State Department in Washington Tuesday. The Algerian took a new offer for Iran for the release of hostages. Algeria's ambassador to the U.S., Reida Malek, is second from left.

Tough decisions with Soviets

Reagan to decide on grain embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (R) — The incoming Reagan administration will face some tough decisions on the future of agricultural trade with the Soviet Union, in particular whether to end the grain embargo.

The partial embargo was imposed a year ago in retaliation for the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan and President-elect Ronald Reagan has to decide whether to lift it if Soviet troops remain massed on the Polish border.

President Carter reaffirmed the restrictions this week, extending the embargo through 1981.

Reagan and agriculture secretary-designate John Block have promised to re-examine the embargo after taking office on January 20, with a view to lifting it. Both have criticized the embargo for hurting American farmers more than the Russians.

But Block said recently that the curbs

would end in the right circumstances and indicated that they would remain if Soviet troops invaded Poland.

With U.S. supplies tight because of the summer drought, Block said he no longer favored allowing the Russians to take more foodgrains than those already bought for the final year of the grain pact between the two nations.

The economic sanctions against the Russians, announced last January 4, included an embargo on 17 million tonnes of grain for shipment last year and a ban on sales of various other farm products.

But Carter decided to honor the minimum terms of the agreement with the Russians which provided for eight million tonnes of U.S. grain in each of the fourth and fifth years of the pact that will expire in September.

U.S. agriculture department and grain trade officials predicted that a new grain

agreement with the Russians would be closely linked to foreign policy considerations, and possibly to any new strategic arms limitation talks.

The officials agreed that U.S. agricultural exports would increasingly be tied to international developments, especially in view of Block's recent statements on using food as a weapon.

One agriculture department official, Thomas Taylor, said the embargo might well foreshadow increased government use of food as a weapon.

He said the embargo was a greater success from a foreign policy point of view rather than from an economic one.

"The Soviet economy has not been brought to its knees," he said, noting that the Kremlin had denied only modest amounts of grain.

**Walesa hints at action
if Russia intervenes**

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Lech Walesa, the leader of Poland's independent trade union movement, hinted that Poles would resist if the Soviet Union intervened in their nation, the Japanese news agency Kyodo reported.

In a dispatch from Warsaw Friday, Kyodo quoted Walesa as saying, "We would be ready to act in such a way we would not be criticized by the world as cowards" if Soviet or Warsaw pact forces moved across Polish borders to quell social unrest. But Kyodo also quoted Walesa as saying he did not believe the Soviets would intervene.

Kyodo said Walesa commented Wednesday during a meeting with Japanese reporters at the headquarters of the union Solidarity in the Baltic port of Gdansk.

**Diouf may order
early elections**

DAKAR, Jan. 3 (AFP) — Senegal's new President Abdou Diouf could be preparing the ground for early elections following indications Thursday, the day he was sworn in to replace Leopold Senghor, that the west African state was to open the doors to new political parties.

Informed circles here believed that Diouf will change the law which now limits the number of parties and get the electoral law modified accordingly. There has been speculation that a former electoral law will give the winning party an automatic working majority in the assembly and may help Diouf's party.

The new president's inaugural speech seems to have been well received by people of Dakar and both business and diplomatic circles, some of whom had feared that a period of unrest would follow Senghor's resignation, were reassured by the choice of Diouf's Prime Minister, Habib Thiam.

In the other end of the political spectrum Sheikh Anta Dial, leader of the banned National Democratic Rally, described as positive a speech yesterday by supreme court chairman Keba Mbaye calling for a broadening of political life within the country.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazae

Decades seem to arrange themselves under certain headings: most convenient for us journalists.

In the West, the Forties divided themselves neatly between 'years of destruction' and 'years of construction'. Up to 1945, Europe did its best to level itself to the ground. From then to 1950 it went on to rebuild itself.

The Fifties were the years of the 'Angry Young Men', who thought their elders had betrayed the world to two of the most destructive conflicts seen by man. Then these same young men, having mellowed, became themselves the rulers — and what do you know? Wars all over the place, firstly and foremostly the war in Vietnam.

The Sixties also were the years in which some nations of the West, notably the reticent British, seemed to discover sex. Then came the Seventies which could be called the 'Years of Number One', of selfishness, of the 'me' generation. And now the Eighties, and already one could say they will be known as the 'Lean Years'.

In the case of the Arab world, the decades could be seen to start with the catastrophe of the Forties, in which most of Palestine was lost, and then go down all the way. For the Fifties brought the series of military coups which snuffed out what little freedom we enjoyed. Then came the Sixties in which we lost what remained of Palestine. Then the Seventies which seemed to augur well with the October War, only to show its true nature a short while later, with the Arabs divided and weakened as never before, and with their major power, Egypt, signing 'its separate peace with the Israelis.

As for the Eighties, it has already shown its hand, and a frightening one it seems to be: The Iraqi-Iranian war is already in its fourth destructive month, with no end in sight.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

**Namibia meet
may be put off**

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 3 (AP) — Radio Mozambique said Friday night that a meeting planned for Luanda, Angola, Saturday to discuss southwest Africa may be called off because of transport problems.

The radio report monitored here, quoted official sources in Tanzania as saying they doubted if the delegations could reach Luanda in time for the meeting. Representatives of six black African nations were to convene in the Angolan capital to formulate a joint strategy for next week's United Nations-sponsored peace talks on the guerrilla war in southwest Africa. The countries have observer status at the talks.

The report said that if officials of the six nations are unable to meet in Luanda as planned, they will confer in Geneva when the U.N.-sponsored conference gets under way there, Wednesday.

Southwest Africa, also known by its local name of Namibia, is a former German colony whose political status has been in limbo since World War I. Wedged between Angola and South Africa, it has barely a million inhabitants and vast vistas of desert. But it is rich in minerals such as diamonds, zinc, copper, lead, tin and uranium. Rossing Uranium, the biggest uranium mine in the world, is located there.

Namibia became a spoil of the World War I after South Africa invaded it and captured the Kaiser's German garrison in 1915. The old League of Nations gave it a mandate to administer the territory in 1920.

The African States — Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Tanzania — support the week-long peace talks, to be held in Geneva beginning Wednesday.

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